GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6062
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2002
CONSERVATION OF RARE HERBS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes run by the Government to conserve rare herbs in the country;

(b) the areas where these rare herbs are grown in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to promote participation of private sector and Non-Governmental Organisationsin this field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) The Ministry has implemented a Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the Ninth Plan Period for conservation and development of Non Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants which also includes rare herbs. The Government has also set up a Medicinal Plant Board in the Ministry of Health to look after the development, policy formulation, sustainable use and to coordinate all matters relating to medicinal plants and herbs. Similarly Medicinal Plant Boards have also been set up in thirteen States.

(b) The State-wise details of the areas where rare herbs are grown are not available. However, the names of the States to which funds have been provided during the Ninth Plan by the Ministry for conservation and development of non timber forest produce including medicinal plants are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d) Medicinal Plant Board is extending financial support to Government and Non- Governmental Organisations for cultivation and development of medicinal plants including rare herbs used in Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy. In the financial year 2001-02, the Medicinal Plants Board had released grants-in-aid to 133 Government Organisations and 12 Non Governmental Organisations. Private sector is encouraged for promotion and development of medicinal plants outside the forest areas.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN THE REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6062 FOR 06.05.2002 REGARDING CONSERVATION OF RARE HERBS

Sl.No.	Name of the States
1	Andhra Pradesh
2	Arunachal Pradesh
3	Assam
4	Bihar
5	Goa
6	Gujarat
7	Haryana
8	Himachal Pradesh
9	Jammu & Kashmir
10	Karnataka
11	Kerala
12	Madhya Pradesh
13	Maharashtra
14	Manipur
15	Meghalaya
16	Mizoram
17	Nagaland
18	Orissa
19	Punjab
20	Rajasthan

21 Sikkim
22 Tamil Nadu
23 Tripura
24 Uttar Pradesh
25 West Bengal